

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the section beginning on page 1 of the Specification entitled **"RELATED APPLICATIONS"** with the following section.

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/209,644, filed 5, 2000, ~~which is incorporated herein by reference~~ and entitled "Low-Overhead Hierarchical-Caching-Object Storage Toolkit." This application is also related to co-pending U.S. patent application serial number 09/750,298, filed December 29, 2000, and entitled "System and Method for Enabling Multi-Indexing of Objects;" U.S. patent application serial number 09/750,315, filed December 29, 2000, and entitled "System and Method for Searching Extended Regular Expressions;" U.S. patent application serial number 09/750,317, filed December 29, 2000, and entitled "System and Method for Enabling Statistical Matching;" U.S. patent application serial number 09/750,318, filed December 29, 2000, and entitled "System and Method for Managing Hierarchical Objects;" U.S. patent application serial number 09/750,319, filed December 29, 2000, and entitled "System and Method for Storing Conceptual Information;" and U.S. patent application serial number 09/750,322, filed December 29, 2000, and entitled "System and Method for Enabling Unified Access to Multiple Types of Data." Each of the applications identified above is herein incorporated by reference.